

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WAUKESHA COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time: 6/4/09

Location: Human Services Center Brookfield Room

Committee Members:

<u>X</u>	Curtis, John	<u>X</u>	Lee, Lorraine
<u>X</u>	Farell, Dennis	<u>X</u>	Pagels, Nancy
<u>X</u>	Goetz, Jennifer	<u>X</u>	Turkoske, Julie
<u>X</u>	Graham, Bill	<u>X</u>	Weidmann, Larry
<u>X</u>	Hansen, Patricia	<u>X</u>	Wolff, Sandy
<u>EA</u>	Johnson, Scott	<u>X</u>	Zaborowski, William
<u>X</u>	Lee, Glenn		

X = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence

Additional Attendees:

<u>X</u>	Cathy Bellovary, ADRC	<u>X</u>	Kathy Gale, Interfaith Senior Programs
<u>X</u>	Mary Smith, ADRC		

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m..

Approval of minutes of May 7, 2009 meeting:

Chairman Sandy Wolff called for approval of the minutes of the May 7, 2009 meeting. John Curtis moved to approve the minutes; Dennis Farrell seconded the motion; all in attendance approved. The motion is carried.

Consolidation of city of Waukesha Dining Centers:

Mary Smith, ADRC Health and Nutrition Supervisor, shared information regarding merging several city of Waukesha Dining Centers. Currently, there are 12 dining centers, 3 of them in the city of Waukesha – Saratoga, Willow Park, and LaCasa. Due to serious funding issues, there is a need to find a central location to assemble home delivered meals, and then consolidate the congregate dining centers into one. With federal stimulus funding through CDBG, a proposal was made to use the Forum at the Waukesha County Expo to assemble home delivered meals in preparation for delivery. The grant will cover the cost of renovating the kitchen area to accommodate the daily use of the meal program. An ordinance will go to the County Board in June to accept funding from CDBG for this project. If passed, construction will begin in late summer and a planned start date for the transition of the HDM program is 1/1/10. Once the ordinance is passed, a decision will be made on the consolidation of the congregate dining centers in the city of Waukesha.

Educational Segment –

Kathy Gale, Executive Director of Interfaith Senior Programs, presented an overview of the RSVP and Interfaith programs. Due to community duplication of services, as well as budget constraints, Interfaith and RSVP merged their organizations in 2007 to become Interfaith Senior Programs. Programs have been expanded, with community outreach programs making an important impact in the community. Gale shared details of the Volunteer Guardianship, the Transportation Collaborative, Caregiver Connection, and Faith-in-Action programs. The work of this agency helps those with dementia, mental health issues, and those unable to take care of their home. Volunteers provide help with grocery shopping, yard cleanup, transportation to doctor's appointments, and complete daily checks on elderly clients. Gale discussed the upcoming caregiver simulation scheduled for June 18, 2009 at Carroll University, where employers will take the role of the caregiver and experience the challenges that caregivers face dealing with many agencies. Employers come away with a new awareness of what their employees face while dealing with family caregiver responsibilities.

Director's Report:

- Cathy Bellovary reports that budget kickoff will be held on June 4. The department has been informed that no new tax levy will be granted to the ADRC for 2010.
- A proposal will be presented to the County Board to merge the ADRC, HHS, and Veterans for 2010. The department will become a division of HHS. More information will be presented in the coming months.
- Cathy reports that the CWAG convention is planned for July in Green Bay and scholarship money may be available through GWAAR. Scholarship forms are available. Please contact Cathy for additional information.
- There will be a second senior collaborative meeting with Waukesha Parks and Recreation on August 29 at 9 a.m. in the Rotary Building. The collaborative plan was distributed.
- The county has implemented an employee voluntary furlough program (up to 5 days) to run from June – December. Several ADRC employees have expressed interest in taking unpaid time off.
- The next ADRC Advisory Board meeting on July 2 will focus on a review of the 2008 Year End Report and approval of the County Aging Plan.
- June 15, 2009 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The ADRC will provide purple ribboned tags on June 15 to bring awareness of the hundreds of thousands of older persons who are abused, neglected, and exploited. Call the ADRC for additional information.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) Report:

John Curtis reports that the GWAAR is at full staff now and reorganization is almost complete with the new agency. Director John Schnabl has been traveling the state visiting the various county agencies.

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG):

The CWAG convention will be held in Green Bay July 23-24. Applications are available and must be filled out as soon as possible. See Cathy Bellovary for additional information or scholarship details.

People Can't Wait Report:

- Lorraine Lee reports that the meeting held in May was productive with many issues still existing regarding nurses from the MCO interfering with programs of ACAP and visiting clients unannounced. The next meeting will be on June 10.
- The Advocacy program held on May 27 at Goodwill was well attended and the ADRC was represented. There were many questions regarding the transition of clients from high school and beyond, with concerns about the services needed.
- A letter will be sent from this agency to the Waukesha Freeman and the Milwaukee Journal summarizing the transportation challenges of disabled individuals in Waukesha County.

Health and Human Services Board and Committee Report:

- Dennis Farrell reports that he recently met with County Executive Dan Vrakas urging him to continue services for disabled individuals as they are currently in place. As a result of the suggestions made for program funding, a response from the county is expected the last week of July. Options will go to various committees for approval. There is great concern in the community for the continuation of services for these clients.
- Bill Zaborowski shared that the swine flu situation in the county has provided valuable experience dealing with a situation of this magnitude and there were lessons learned. Public Health is working with local hospitals to develop future mass immunization programs.
- Bill shared that the county has applied for a grant to continue the very positive drug and alcohol program. The program provides offenders with an option to participate in the program or serve jail time, and works to integrate them back in a work environment and back into the community. It has proven to be very successful in getting individuals back on their feet.

Adjournment:

Bill Graham moved to adjourn the meeting; Lorraine Lee seconded the motion; all in attendance approved. The motion is carried.

Meeting Dates and Times/Next Meeting:

July 2, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.

Agenda items – 2008 Year End Report

Approval of County Aging Plan

Approved _____ Date _____

Recorded and Submitted by Pat Popowski on 6/4/09.